

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A secondary carpet backing ~~comprising consisting~~ essentially of a single layer of woven fabric having a flat weave construction of warp tapes and multifilament picks with an average of about 12 to about 24 warp tapes per inch providing 50 to about 100% theoretical warp coverage but less than full effective warp coverage and with an average of about 10 to about 20 multifilament picks per inch, the flat weave construction comprising a plain weave ~~of a single layer~~ such that the fabric has a weight of about 1.5 to about 7 osy and average air permeability of at least about $250 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min.}/\text{ft.}^2$, determined according to ASTM D-737 with a pressure differential equal to 0.5 inch water, ~~the secondary carpet backing increasing at least one of dimensional stability and delamination resistance of a carpet with the secondary carpet backing.~~

2. (Original) The carpet backing of claim 1 wherein the warp tapes comprise polypropylene and have widths of about 40 to about 100 mils.

3. (Original) The carpet backing of claim 2 wherein the average picks have deniers of about 1000 to about 2500 g/9000m.

4. (Original) The carpet backing of claim 3 wherein the average pick count is about 13 to about 18 picks per inch.

5. (Original) The carpet backing of claim 1 wherein theoretical warp coverage is about 55 to about 90%.

6. (Original) The carpet backing of claim 5 wherein the average warp count is about 13 to about 18 tapes per inch and the average pick count is about 13 to about 17 picks per inch.

7-20 (Cancelled)